Consultation

Changes to Haringey’s Children Centres
Foreword

We’re committed to enabling every child and young person in Haringey to have the best start in life and Haringey children’s centres are a key part of our approach to delivering that commitment. We’re proposing to develop a new model for future children’s centre services in Haringey – so that they offer a greater number of services to a wider range of people. In developing this new model we want to build on the good work that children’s centres are already doing and - by working more closely with parents, carers, our partners, health and the wider community - use our scarce resources to build on this work where possible. We believe that these proposals utilise available resources to the best effect so that more children and families in Haringey are healthier, happier and more resilient.

During the next three years, the council’s early years budget, which funds services including children’s centres, will fall by £1.44 million as we look to meet savings demanded by government budget cuts.

Children’s Centres bring together services such as health visiting, family support, midwifery, employment services and adult learning, sometimes alongside child care and specific services for children and families in need of them. These services may be provided at the Centre, or advice and assistance may be given to find services somewhere else.

There are currently 16 designated children’s centres in Haringey which offer a wide range of early support services including:

- Pre-school education with access to childcare on some sites
- Access to health services, for young children, parents and expectant parents including health visiting and midwifery
- Parenting support
- Training and employment services to assist parents and expectant parents
- Information and advice services for parents and expectant parents

The proposals in this document are built around focusing our resources on a reduced number of centres, most of which will be located in areas where need is greatest, so that support can be extended to all families with children and young people aged up to 19 years old - or 25 in the case of those with special educational needs and disabilities – rather than just to families with children aged between 0-5, as is the case now.

These proposals would see nine of Haringey’s current sixteen children centres stay open and be enhanced to offer a wider range of services –to this wider group of people. The other seven sites would close as children’s centres, but we would support them to become part of a network of Community Access Points, providing some services found at children’s centres and signposting people to other forms of support where necessary.

These plans have been developed following extensive engagement between the council, children’s centre staff, parents, school governors and head teachers, carers and others. From this engagement work we know that many people have strong feelings about how children’s centre services should be provided across the borough.

Should these proposals be agreed, changes will take place from April 2016.

We would like to know what you think of our proposals outlined in this consultation paper. Please submit your comments before the consultation closes on Monday 21 September 2015. If you have any queries or require further information, please do get in touch.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Why are we consulting?

During the next three years, the council’s early years budget will fall by £1.44 million as we look to meet savings demanded by government budget cuts. This means we will have less money to spend in a number of areas, including children’s centres. In order to make these savings we are proposing new ways of delivering services that will enable us to continue to meet the needs of children and families in Haringey and make best use of scarce resources.

These proposals will:

• Ensure we give support to those children and families that need it most
• Improve co-ordination between different services and make sure these services are available to a wider range of people
• Strengthen the outreach, peer support and community development work that children’s centres provide

When developing these proposals, we thought about:

• The differences that exist across the borough, with particular focus on the number of children under 5 years old in each area, and the levels of need
• Opportunities to improve coordination and access to a range of services for families with children 0-19 years.

Who are we consulting with?

During this statutory consultation we are consulting with:

• Parents, carers and other service users of the children’s centres
• School staff and Governors
• Children’s Centre staff
• Partners and commissioned organisations
• Community and voluntary sector services providers
• Ward Councillors
• Staff in other Haringey Council services
• Haringey’s residents
What are we consulting on?

Summary of the key proposals:

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<td>Increase current service availability to include evenings, weekends and across 48 weeks of the year.</td>
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More detail can be found on pages 7-10.

How will the proposals affect you?

- In some areas, centres will close and families may have to travel further to access some services
- Where centres close this does not mean that nursery or pre-school provision will close. Some of the closed children’s centre buildings could be used to increase the number of places that we have available for the 2 year old offer
- Where centres are closed, they may still be used to deliver some key services, such as stay and play, health services and advice sessions
- Where centres remain open, there are likely to be more services available, at times which meet the needs of communities
- The management of children’s centres will not change – where centres are managed by a school, they will continue to be managed by a school. Where centres are managed by the Local Authority, they will continue to be managed by the Local Authority
- Partners will work together closely, which will mean families get quicker access to the right support, at the right time.

What happens next?

In November 2015 the Council’s Cabinet will consider the results of the consultation and make its final decision on the proposals.
How to have your say

You can let us know what you think by:

- **Completing our online questionnaires** – visit [www.haringey.gov.uk/CCC2015](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/CCC2015)

- **Filling in the enclosed questionnaire** – these are available for download from our website [www.haringey.gov.uk/CCC2015](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/CCC2015), in children’s centres and libraries, or can be requested by calling **020 8489 1000**.

- **Attending one of the consultation meetings**:

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<td>Tottenham Green Leisure Centre</td>
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<td>Cypriot Community Centre</td>
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Consultation closes on Monday 21st September 2015

Please direct any queries to **Childrenscentreconsultation@haringey.gov.uk**
Detail on our proposals

Section A: The model

Currently there are 16 children’s centres in Haringey.

We are proposing that the following 7 children’s centres will close:

- Bounds Green
- Campsbournne
- Earlsmead
- Noel Park
- South Grove
- Stonecroft
- The Ladder

What will happen to centres that close?

As we increase the number of services they provide, children’s centres will be supported to build and maintain even closer relationships with other places that children and families go to, e.g. Schools, Health Centres, GP surgeries and Community Centres. Within the new model we are referring to these as ‘Community Access Points’.

Where children’s centres are closed, they will be supported to become part of a network of ‘Community Access Points’ - providing some services found at children’s centres, and signposting people to other forms of support where necessary. Services provided at ‘Community Access Points’ will be coordinated by a nearby children’s centre and may be delivered by children’s centre staff, partners, or parents themselves. Our intention is to retain around 15 hours of provision per week from these closed children’s centre buildings.
We are proposing that these key community access points are used to deliver:

- Stay and Play sessions
- Health appointments
- Advice sessions.

We are proposing that the following 9 children’s centres will remain open, and cover the following wards:

- Broadwaters (covering West Green)
- Park Lane (covering Northumberland Park)
- Pembury (covering Bruce Grove / Tottenham Hale)
- Rokesly (covering Alexandra / Crouch End / Fortis Green / Hornsey / Highgate / Muswell Hill / Stroud Green)
- Rowland Hill (covering White Hart Lane)
- Triangle (covering Seven Sisters)
- Welbourne (covering Tottenham Green)
- Woodlands Park (covering Harringay / St Ann’s)
- Woodside (covering Bounds Green / Noel Park / Woodside)

Planning areas

We are proposing that the children’s centres that remain open will be grouped in 5 geographical areas, which will be called children’s centre planning areas. In each children’s centre planning area, children’s centres will work together with partners and schools to ensure that the services offered meet the needs of children and families living in the area. These groupings align to the areas that schools use to plan and organise services.
Section B: What to expect at your children’s centre

We are proposing that the focus of children’s centre services widens, and that they support families with children aged 0-19, and up to 25 years for children and young people with special educational needs, to access services. To do this, children’s centres will work across their planning area with partners, including schools, health services, social services, Job Centre Plus and the private and voluntary sector.

We are proposing that families will be able to access the following from a children’s centre:

For children:
- Access to Health Visitors
- Support to help expectant parents prepare for the birth of a child
- Visits to all new births in the first 6 - 8 weeks
- A one year health check
- A 2 – 2.5 year integrated health and development check Postnatal and antenatal services
- Healthy Vitamins for your child, and during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Breastfeeding support and groups
- Oral health information and support
- Stay and play sessions that promote positive attachment, healthy brain development and good communication and language

For parents:
- Support to find work, training and apprenticeship opportunities
- Support to find volunteering and peer mentoring opportunities
- Access to information, advice and guidance. E.g. benefits advice or parenting
- Support for fathers, and fathers to be
- 1-1 breast feeding support
- Support for first time Mums
- Support for young parents
- Healthy eating advice
- Parent support
- ESOL (English language lessons)

The offer may vary across centres depending on the level of need.

Section C: Changing the opening hours of services

At the moment children’s centres are largely open between 9am and 5pm, with some closure over schools holidays. We are proposing that service availability in the nine remaining centres will be across 48 weeks of the year, extended days and some weekends.

Section D: Governance

At the moment there are a number of ways that parents can get involved in the activities of their children’s centre. One way is that they can join a Children’s Centre Advisory Board (CCAB), which brings together a group of representatives from the local community and those responsible for the centre, to provide challenge and support to centres, ensuring that the children’s centre operates effectively.

We are proposing that there is one CCAB for each children’s centre planning area.

In the new model, we want to increase parent involvement. To do this, we are proposing to establish 5 parent engagement forums. The aim of the forums will be to ensure that in each children’s centre planning area, local parents are able to have a voice in how services in their area are delivered, contribute to their community through volunteering and parent to parent support and participating in the delivery of local services.
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